



STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE  
NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION  
FROM HRS CHAPTER 103D

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STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE  
STATE OF HAWAII

TO: Chief Procurement Officer

FROM: Health/State Laboratories Division/Medical Microbiology  
Name of Requesting Department

Pursuant to HRS § 103D-102(b)(4) and HAR chapter 3-120, the Department requests a procurement exemption for the following:

1. Describe the goods, services or construction:

Cambridge Biotech HIV-1 Western Blot Kit

2. Vendor/Contractor/Service Provider: Maxim Biomedical, Inc.

3. Amount of Request:

\$ 20,000

4. Term of Contract From: CPO  
APPROVAL To: 12 MONTHS

5. Prior SPO-007, Procurement Exemption (PE):

6. Explain in detail, why it is not practicable or not advantageous for the department to procure by competitive means:

There are currently only two USFDA approved supplementary or confirmatory tests by western blot for use on HIV-1 serum screen reactive specimens. The USFDA approved western blot tests kits are the Cambridge Biotech HIV-1 Western Blot Test Kit manufactured and distributed by Maxim Biomedical, Inc. and the Bio-Rad HIV-1 Western Blot Test Kit. Procurement by competitive means for the Cambridge Biotech HIV-1 Western Blot Test Kit is not advantageous to the State because our laboratory already performs the Cambridge Biotech HIV-1 Western Blot Test Kit and has been our laboratory's designated primary supplemental/confirmatory test kit for HIV-1 antibody screen reactive specimens since 1986.

The Bio-Rad HIV-1 Western Blot Test Kit has received an approved Exemption from 103D (PE 12-082K) and is our laboratory's designated contingency HIV-1 test kit in the event the Cambridge Biotech HIV-1 Western Blot Test Kit becomes unavailable or has quality assurance issues.

7. Explain in detail, the process that will be or was utilized in selecting the vendor/contractor/service provider:

The Cambridge Biotech HIV-1 Western Blot Test Kit <sup>has</sup> been SLD's primary supplemental/confirmatory test for HIV-1 serum screen reactive specimens since 1986. The Bio-Rad HIV-1 Western Blot Test Kit has already received an Exemption from 103D (PE 12-082K) and will be used as contingency in the event the Maxim product becomes unavailable as approved by the CPO.

8. Identify the primary individual(s) who is knowledgeable about this request, who will conduct and manage this process, and has 1) completed mandatory training; and 2) who may contact for follow up inquiry, if any.  
(Type over "example" and delete cells not used.)

Name of Department Personnel	Division/Agency	Phone Number	e-mail address
Gail Y. Kunimoto	SLD/MMB	453-6700	gail.kunimoto@doh.hawaii.gov

**All requirements/approvals and internal controls for this expenditure is the responsibility of the department.  
I certify that the information provided above is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.**

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Department Head Signature

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Date

**For Chief Procurement Officer Use Only**

Date Notice Posted:

5/17/2012

Submit written objection to this notice to issue an exempt contract within seven calendar days or as otherwise allowed from date notice posted to:

[state.procurement.office@hawaii.gov](mailto:state.procurement.office@hawaii.gov)

Chief Procurement Officer (CPO) Comments:

Approval is granted for the period 05/17/12 to 05/16/13. This approval is for the solicitation process only, HRS section 103D-310(c) and HAR section 3-122-112, shall apply (i.e. vendor is required to be compliant on the Hawaii Compliance Express) and award is required to be posted on the Awards Reporting System.

If there are any questions, please contact Bonnie Kahakui at 587-4702, or [bonnie.a.kahakui@hawaii.gov](mailto:bonnie.a.kahakui@hawaii.gov).

☒ Approved

☐ Disapproved

☐ No Action Required

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Chief Procurement Officer Signature

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Date

5/25/2012